

## P. A. B. WIDENER SEEKING NEWS OF SON AND GRANDSON

Daughter-in-Law Saved, but  
Her \$750,000 Pearl Neck-  
lace Is Probably Lost.

Members of the Widener and Elkins families at Philadelphia are crushed by the fear that George D. Widener and his son, Harry Elkins Widener, are among the drowned. Only the name of Mrs. G. D. Widener appears in the list of the saved. The Wideners had been abroad in order that Mrs. Widener might make purchases for the troupe of her daughter, Eleanor, whose engagement to Fitz Eugene Dixon was recently announced.

Mr. Widener's father, Peter A. B. Widener, the aged street railway magnate, left his home at Lynwood Hall, near Elkins Park, Philadelphia, immediately the disaster became known, and came to this city. To-day he is continuing the same ceaseless search for news of his son and grandson by wireless which he began yesterday. He said he would not abandon hope until every steamship which had responded to the Titanic's cry for help had disembarked her passengers either at an American or European port.

Miss Eleanor Widener, whose troupe was to-day two miles under the sea, remained prostrate at her home in Philadelphia. Her uncle, Joseph E. Widener, after pacing the rooms of his home for hours, followed his father to New York. At the White Star office, to which they could cling with any hope was the fact that John B. Thayer had been saved. Mr. Thayer was a close

## LONDON, SHOCKED BY WRECK, BLAMES SPEED COMPETITION

LONDON, April 17.—No catastrophe of modern times, except the earthquake at Messina, has sent such a shock through Europe as the loss of the Titanic. That the finest product of centuries of marine engineering, a vessel devised to provide every precaution against accident that science and human ingenuity could produce, should have been like a cockleshell came to London with the effect of a double blow.

In a brief statement made in the House during the afternoon Premier Asquith gave public expression to Britain's sympathy with those who have suffered by disaster.

In the lobbies of the House there seemed to be an all but unanimous opinion that the Titanic's fate lay in the northern lane across the Atlantic.

The lobbies agreed that the northern lane did not allow sufficient margin for abnormal ice fields, and that a calamity of this kind was bound to have occurred sooner or later. Competition had tempted commanders, the members argued, to take increasing risks, emboldened thereby by the rarity of accidents in proportion to the extent of the traffic. A movement seems to be well under way to require the Board of Trade to lay down routes to be taken in the future and that these routes be so laid as to keep entirely outside the ice line.

Such a stipulation would, of course, be binding only on ships flying the British flag, but it is believed that other countries would immediately follow suit.

At the home of William T. Stead, in Wimbledon, there is deep distress, although his brother, Herbert Stead, said:

"We have not yet given up hope altogether."

friend of the noted financier and art connoisseur, and it was therefore thought possible that Mr. Widener and his son might also be among the survivors.

Father and son became greatly affected as hours passed by without the completion of the list of the saved coming in and no response could be obtained to the wireless inquiries they sent out.

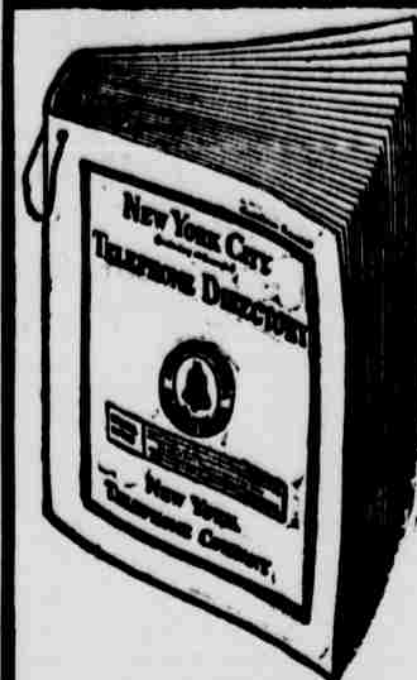
Mrs. George D. Widener, who was Miss Eleanor Elkins, a daughter of the late William L. Elkins, partner of Peter A. B. Widener in his traction interests,

had with her on the Titanic her famous three pearl necklaces. The pearls were insured in London for \$750,000, and it was stipulated in the policy that she should be allowed to wear them during the voyage. Whether Mrs. Widener saved them is not yet known.

Ship Goes to Hunt Bodies.

HALIFAX, N. S., April 17.—The cable ship Mackay-Bennett, which has been chartered by the White Star line to go to the scene of the Titanic disaster, was being loaded to-day pre-

paratory to departure. In the hope that some bodies may be picked up, coffins are being included in the cargo, and several undertakers and embalmers will go along. The cable ship Minia, which was in the vicinity of the disaster has arrived here with no survivors on board.



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